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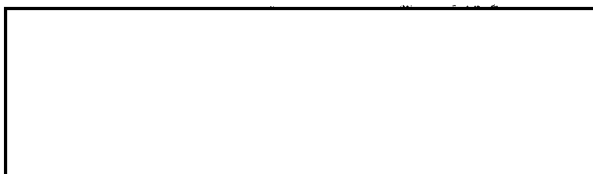
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**SUBJECT: Trip Report - Castle Air Force Base, California
13 and 14 March 1963 - Oxcart Facility Check Out**

1. The undersigned, accompanied by the following, visited Castle Air Force Base, California, to accomplish an operational check of the PF-1 fuel storage facility and brief Castle POL personnel on PF-1 handling procedure.

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2. During our visit an operational check of the fuel facility was made by the Shell Oil representatives. Everything performed well, fuel was delivered to the E-2 truck without incident. This fuel storage area is complete with the exception of the following items which are scheduled to be completed by 1 April 1963:

- (A) Security fencing and lighting
- (B) Painting of the tanks
- (C) Some minor paving in the area

It is planned to have 300,000 gallons of PF-1 delivered to Castle by 15 April 1963. We do not intend to fill to capacity until a firm decision is made concerning the move of the OXCART tanker unit to Beal Air Force Base, California.

3. A complete briefing and actual run through was accomplished by Castle POL personnel to set up the EC-135 for PF-1 fuel. The tanker was then flushed and samples were analyzed locally to insure the fuel met Specs. during the practice flush.

4. All Air Force personnel at Castle were most cooperative and performed diligently and well.

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I consider Castle Air Force Base will be completely operational by 15 April 1963 with the arrival of P7-1 fuel.

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